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General Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

The Weapons Systems Evaluation Group has undertaken for the Secretary of Defense, as a matter of priority, an evaluation as a basis for which we need to have prepared a study of the agriculture and crops in the USSR.

Dr. Allen of this office has discussed in some detail with your representatives, [redacted] and Dr. Max F. Millikan, an outline of the desired study. Several copies of the outline, a copy of which is attached, were left with [redacted] by Dr. Allen with the understanding that necessary modifications in it could be made as the research progressed. I understand that, subject to your approval, Dr. Millikan has informally agreed to undertake such a study for us and has agreed that it could be completed by 15 April.

It is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency undertake this study and that it be completed by 15 April in order that we may meet the deadline which the Secretary of Defense has set for our report to him.

I appreciate very much the cooperation which you have given us in furnishing information for use in our evaluations. I can assure you that it contributes in large measure to the successful completion of our analyses.

Sincerely yours,

GEOFFREY KEYES  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

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